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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No.: 09/828,615 Examiner: J. Stucker
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For : METHODS FOR INHIBITING HIV-1 INFECTION

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PETITION FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time for filing a response to the September 9, 2003 Advisory Action issued in connection with the above-identified application. On August 25, 2003 applicants filed in the above-identified application (1) an Amendment in Response to February 21, 2003 Final Office Action and (2) a Notice of Appeal From the Final Rejection to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. An Advisory Action was mailed on September 9, 2003 by the Office stating that the Amendment would not be entered. A Brief on Appeal was therefore due on October 25, 2003. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time. The required fee for a three-month extension of time is FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$475.00) for a small entity. Applicants have previously established small entity status and such status is still applicable. Applicants enclose a check in the amount of \$475.00 to cover this fee. Accordingly, a Response to the September 9, 2003 Advisory Action is now due January 25, 2004.

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In response to the Advisory Action, applicants are concurrently filing, on the same date as this Petition, a Request For Continued Examination ("RCE") of the subject application requesting entry of the Amendment In Response To February 21, 2003 Final Office Action, and the appropriate fee, addressed to Mail Stop RCE. With the filing of this Petition, the application is still pending and thus applicants' Request for Continued Examination is being timely filed.

No fee, other than the \$475.00 fee for a three-month extension of time is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

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